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- 1. "THE NATION" OF JUNE 4 CARRIES THE TEXT OF A MAY 3 INTERVIEW BETWEEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN, AND JAMES M. MARKHAM OF THE NEW YORK TIMES (REF).
- 2. IN RESPONSE TO MARKHAM'S QUESTION ON WHETHER THE U.S. INTENDS TO KEEP BASES IN THAILAND "FOREVER", CHATCHAI IS QUOTED AS ANSWERING, "I MET MR. KISSINGER WHO TOLD ME 'IF YOU WANT US TO STAY, WE STAY, IF YOU WANT US TO GO, WE GO.' I LIKE THAT AND THE THAI PEOPLE ARE HAPPY."

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3. IN ANSWER TO MARKHAM'S QUERY ABOUT THAI ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH HANOI, CHATCHAI REPLIED: "YES, WE TRIED TO TALK WITH HANOI. HANOI DIDN'T RESPOND. THEY WANTED THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL AMERICAN FORCES FIRST. THEN I SAID: "ALL RIGHT, LET'S DO THE SAME THING. YOU WITHDRAW YOUR TROOPS FROM LAOS AND CAMBODIA AND WE WILL ASK THE AMERICANS TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM THAILAND." MASTERS

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